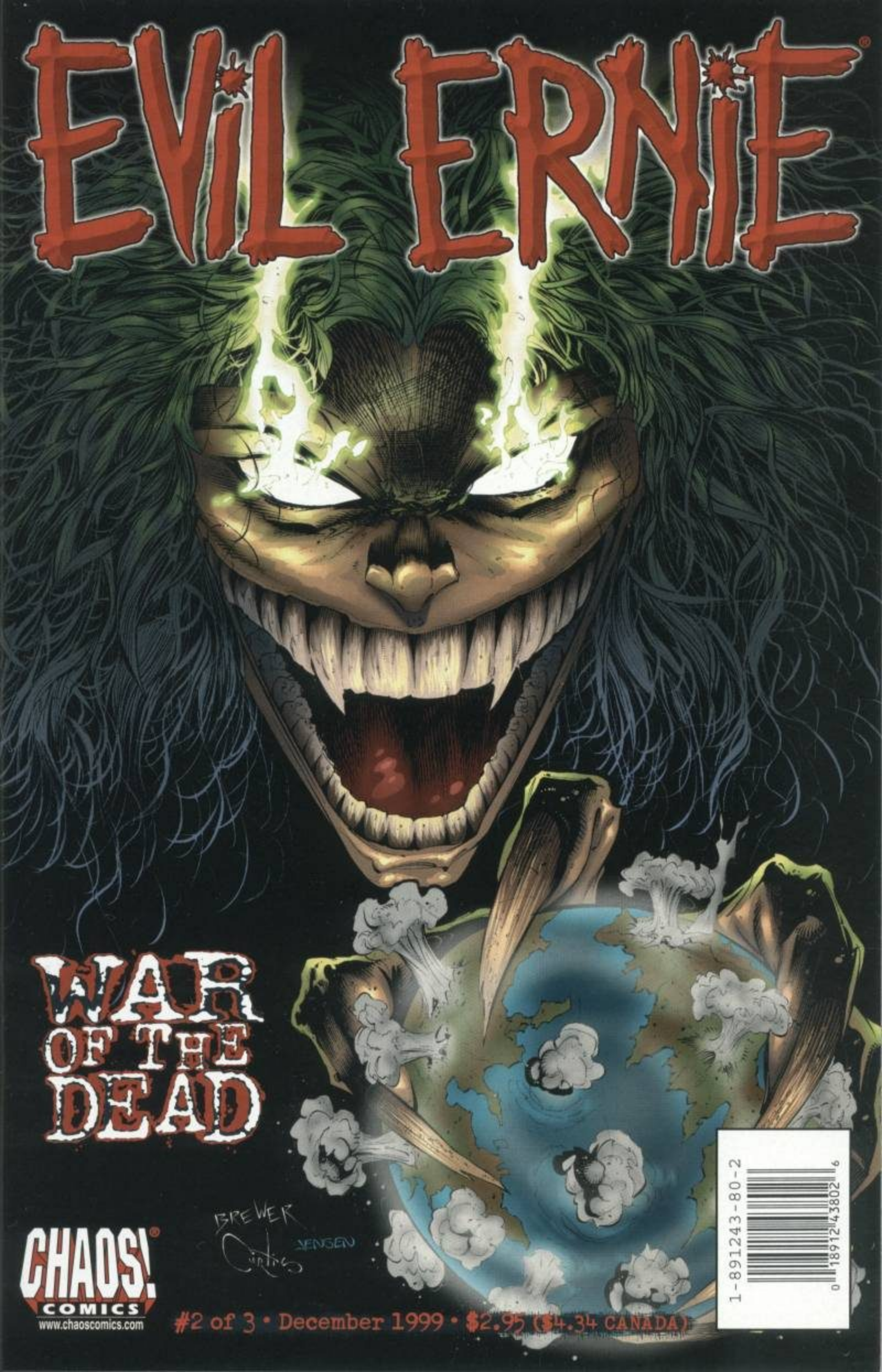


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NORAD HEADQUARTERS.
HOME TO THE UNITED
STATES NUCLEAR WEAPONS
CONTROL CENTER.

HAHA
HAHA!

THE
IMPOSSIBLE
HAS OCCURRED!
UNDEAD TEENAGE
PSYCHOPATH, "EVIL"
ERNEST FAIRCHILD
NOW CONTROLS
NORAD.

US FORCES
DEPLOYED
ELSEWHERE.
UNABLE TO
MOVE QUICKLY
ENOUGH...

...CAN
ONLY WAIT --
AND WATCH...

JESUS,
ROY,
RUN!

I'M
RUNNIN'! I'M
RUNNIN'!

THE
AMERICANS HAVE
LOST CONTROL.
CHINA HAS
GONE TO DEF
CON 2!
ANY
SIGN OF
FORCE WILL
BE MET WITH
THE SAME.

AMERICA
AS WE KNOW
IT IS IN A STATE
OF CHAOS!

OH THE
HUMANITY!

WE'VE
GOT TO
BOMB HIM
OUTTA
THERE.

BUT
HE HAS
THE BOMBS,
BOB.

SMILEY
GONE.

ROTTING.

FUCK IT.
WORLD'S
GONNA DIE
TONIGHT

NORAD'S MAIN ENTRANCE LEADS AN ARMY OF UNDEAD ON AN ALL OUT ASSAULT AGAINST HIS FORMER PATIENT.

HEY FAIRCHILD, I GOT YER CURE RIGHT HERE!

HOMICIDE, HOW YOU HOLDIN' UP? DAMN, HE'S OUT OF IT. THE SO-CALLED "DEADMIND" IS IN A FRENZY. CAN'T REACH HIM.

Oh WELL.



GIMME THAT BUTTON!



I DON'T THINK SO,



SHOULD WE END HIM? SHOULD WE, DEAD KING?

SHOULD WE END HIM? SHOULD WE, DEAD KING?

IDIOTS. IF WE DESTROY THE BUTTON, WE CAN DESTROY EVIL.







INITIATE
LAUNCH.
RAMSEY.

AS YOU
COMMAND.



INITIALIZATION
IN MINUS THIRTY
SECONDS.

CONCENTRATE.

... GET
INSIDE HIS
MIND.

C'MON KIDS,
CONCENTRATE!

GIMME
ALL YOU
GOT!



RAMSEY? RAMSEY?!



DEAD
OPPOSE
ME?!
WHO?



OUT
OF HIS
HEAD!



OUT!



HOMICIDES!
WHY?!

I MADE
YOU! MADE
ALL OF
YOU!
OBEY!

HOLD
STEADY,
MAN.

HOLD
STEADY
SO I
CAN --

You
sicko!

Get the
#%@! off
me, doc.

AAAAAA!
HIS POWER,
UNBELIEVABLE!
CAN'T --

What wuz
I thinkin'?

They're all
whacked!

FIND
HIM!

FIND THAT
BUTTON!



SAVE
US, DEAD
KING!

DELIVER
US FROM
EVIL!

NEVER!
YEAH, YOU
MADE US, EVIL,
BUT WE WERE
PUPPETS.

YOU USED
TO SAY DEAD
ONEZ WERE YOUR
FRIENDS, BUT
YOU'RE TRYIN' TO
START WORLD
WAR THREE! WHERE
DOES THAT
LEAVE US?

YOU
DON'T CARE
ABOUT THE DEAD,
YOU ONLY CARE
ABOUT DEATH.



WHAT
AM I GONNA
DO WITH YOU?

THERE.
NOW
SCRAM!





MY ARMY.
THEY'RE GETTIN'
WASTED!

...RESIST...
RESIST...



NOT
FOR
LONG.

YOU THINK
I DIDN'T COME
PREPARED HUH,
FAIRCHILD?



GUESS
AGAIN, YOU
UNDEAD
BASTARD!



EXPOSURE
TO YOUR
ENERGY ARCANE
POISONED ME. YEAH,
I'M GONNA DIE.
IT'S ONLY A
MATTER OF
TIME.

BUT
THEN IT CAME
TO ME. IF YOU
CAN CONTROL
THE DEAD, WHY
CAN'T I?

NOW
I'M JUST LIKE
YOU, EVIL. MY
DEAD ONEZ
RESPOND ONLY
TO ME!

ATTACK!



AND THE TIDE OF
THE BATTLE TURNS
TO PRICE'S FAVOR...



FTOOK

BLAM



KING

YEAH I
MAY HAVE
SCREWED UP, I
MAY HAVE CREATED
YOU, BUT TONIGHT,
YOU'RE GOIN'
DOWN, BOY!



ABOVE...



MARY, IT'S WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT.



I SEE PRICE DOWN THERE! AND HOMICIDE!

IT'S A MESS!

NOWHERE TO LAND.

WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY UP TO? PRICE IS A WILD-CARD.

GOD, GRANT ME THE STRENGTH. I'VE SEEN BAD, BUT NEVER THIS BAD. WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF US GETTING THROUGH, GETTIN' TO EVIL? MILLION TO ONE. WHAT'S THE USE?



SAM, GET US DOWN ASAP.

Uh SURE. ANY IDEAS WHERE?

STOP! CAN'T AFFORD TO THINK LIKE THAT. GOT TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT, AND I HAVE THE SOLUTION RIGHT IN MY BACKPACK.

ALL RIGHT, MOVE! THEY'RE CLOSIN' IN FAST.





ERNEST
STAY
CLOSE!

MARY, IF
ANYTHING HAPPENS,
I WANT YOU TO
KNOW, I... I... IT'S
BEEN A PLEASURE
WORKING WITH
YOU.

WE'RE
NOT GOING
ANYWHERE,
SAM. WE GOT
A WORLD TO
SAVE.

ERNEST,
WHAT CAN
YOU SENSE
ABOUT
ERNIE?

HE IS
WITHOUT
SMILEY.

HE'S
DYING.

BUT HE'S
LETHAL.



C'MON!

UGH!
ARM
BROKE.

KRAK



THAT'S
RIGHT YOU
UNDEAD SACKS
OF MEAT,
DESTROY
THEM!

JESUS,
THIS IS ABSURD.
WHAT'S THE WORLD
COME TO? WHAT
HAVE I COME
TO?

DEAD
KING, ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

THE PAIN,
THE PAIN!

Whew.
They're as
dumb as
they're
ugly.

PRICE!

MARY?
I DON'T
WANT HER
TO SEE ME
LIKE THIS.

PRICE!
STOP THIS
MADNESS!





RAMSEY!



THE
DOCS?



DOCS
DIE!



THE ZOMBIE VIRUS
TAKES EFFECT,
DESTROYING
THE DEAD ON BOTH
SIDES OF THE WAR.

ooooooooo!

AAAAAAA!

U66666



MOVE IT,
HOMICIDE.

HE
KNOWS
WE ARE
HERE.

WHAT?



EEEEEE!



KABOOM!

WE'RE
IN!

SAM?!
SAM?



WHERE'S
SAM?
SAM?
SAM?



SAM,
COME IN!
YOU
OKAY?

OH
PLEASE,
SAM!



MARY! I MADE IT, BUT THEY GOT ME DEAD TO RIGHTS.

LIKE I WUZ SAYIN' BEFORE, IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE;

AND YER LITTLE SISTER, THAT JUDY, SHE WAS THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE, MARY. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT.



WHOA. DAMNEDEST THING I EVER SAW, MARY. THE DEAD, THEY'RE GOIN DOWN. ALL OF 'EM.

I THINK I'M OUTTA THE HOT WATER.

GOT IT. JUST KEEP THAT 'COPTER READY, SAM.



OH CRAP. AIN'T IT ALWAYS SOMETHIN'?

ELI



BACK OFF.



...
...HELP... ME...



IT'S
GETTIN'
QUIET UP TOP.
THE VIRUS IS
DOIN' IT'S
JOB.

VIRUS?



Shhhh.

WE'RE
NOT
ALONE.



MARY,
YOU WON'T
BELIEVE
THIS!

SHOTS
FIRED! SAM,
CAN'T HEAR
YOU!

TOOM
TOOM
TOOM



BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA







NO!

BILLY,
NO. NO.

Oh
YEAH. I
SEEN THE
LIGHT!

TONIGHT
THIS WHOLE
MESS UP MUD
BOWL'S GONNA
FINALLY SEE PEACE.
EVIL KNOWS THE
WAY. HE WAS ALWAYS
RIGHT. WHY FIGHT
IT, MARY?

C'MERE
JOIN THE
DEAD.

A
NUKE?

DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
HAD IT IN
YOU,
MARE.

GET
AWAY FROM
ME!

YOU'RE
NOT MY
BROTHER!



YOU
HEARD HER,
BILLY.
STOP.

POOR
KID.

HE CAN
HARDLY BE
BLAMED FOR THIS
BEHAVIOR. EVIL ERNIE
IS BROADCASTING A
MESSAGE OF HATE AND
DESTRUCTION TO
ALL THE DEAD
UNDER HIS
CONTROL.



HOPEFULLY,
THIS MENTAL
OVERLOAD
OVERRIDES EVIL'S
CONTROL.



AH!
RAMSEY,
FREE!



EVIL IS THE
SAVIOR! EVIL IS
THE LIGHT! LIFE IS
PAIN. THE PAIN, THE
SUFFERING, HE WILL
SNUFF IT OUT!
THE VOID IS
FREEDOM!



IS HE...

...DEAD? NO.
NEUTRALIZED.



I LOST
RAMSEY!

WHERE'S
PRICE?

COULDN'T
STOP HIM.
HE'S MAD.
INSANE.



LAUNCH
CODES
INITIATED.

GOOD.

JUST
PRESS THE
BUTTON.



GET
AWAY FROM
THAT,
FAIRCHILD!



FUCK
OFF.
DOC.

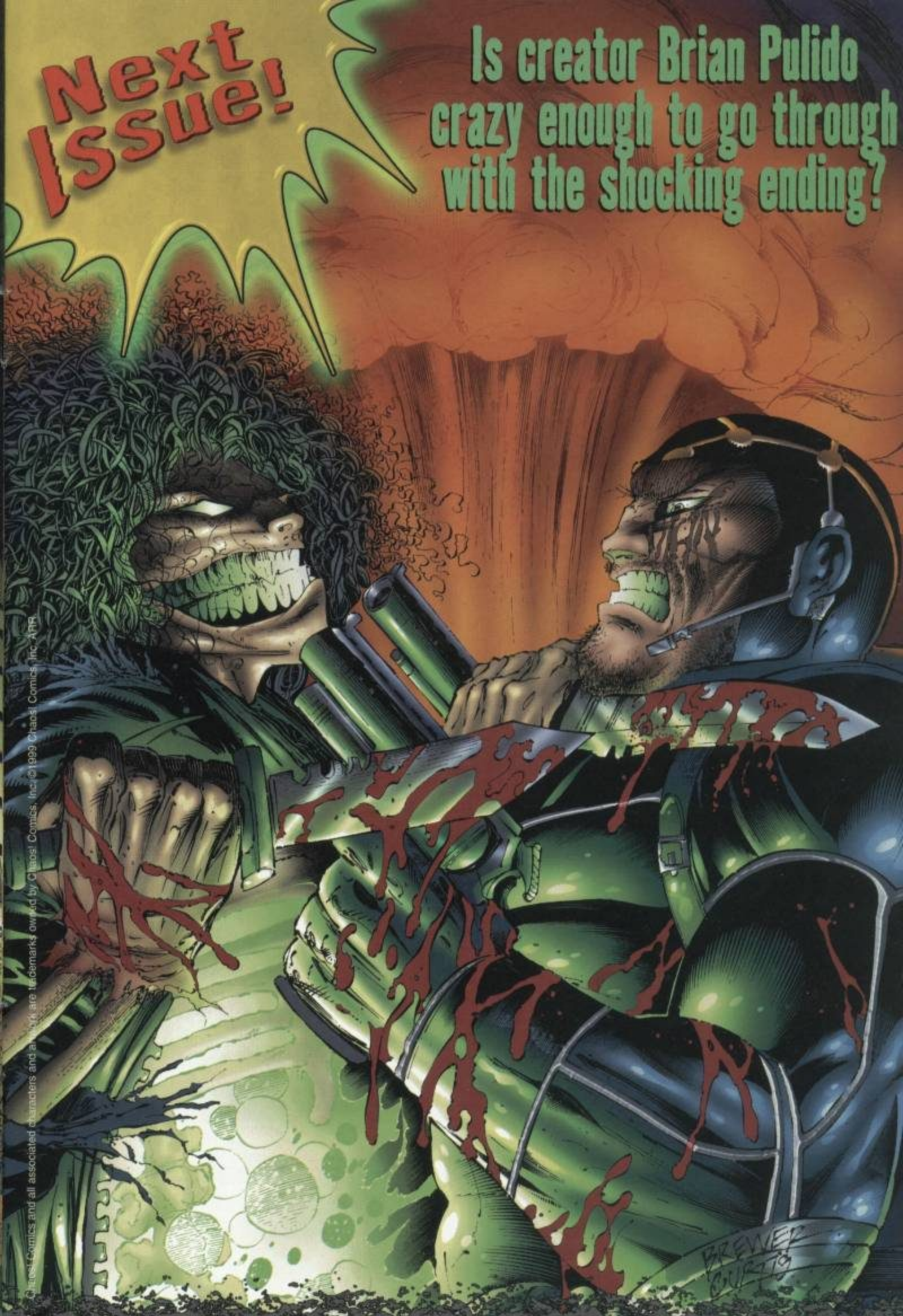
STOP
HIM!



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